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Cops right, wrong on info: Report

REQUEST An adjudicator with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commission has determined that the Edmonton Police Service was right and wrong when handling a request for information about alleged misconduct of officers.

Adjudicator Wade Riordan Raaflaub ruled that police properly withheld some information but did not properly respond to part of an access request.

Police said they withheld all of the information, citing certain sections of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). **METRO EDMONTON**

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Cup final **Hawks win**

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Marian Hossa hoists the Stanley Cup after teammate Patrick Kane scored the game-winning goal in overtime to defeat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 and capture Lord Stanley's mug last night in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final. Story, page 15

Weapon fight probed

Stabbing victims tried to intervene: School official

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Police continue to investigate a fight near a high school in northeast Edmonton Tuesday that left two Archbishop O'Leary students with minor stab wounds and another man with serious facial injuries.

Edmonton Catholic Schools spokesperson Lori Nagy said the two O'Leary students were not part of the original fight but ended up trying to intervene.

"They went to a fight they heard was going to happen and unfortunately became involved," she said at the school yesterday. "Luckily their injuries are minor and they will be fine."

Nagy said the school board is working with police on the investigation and the principal of the school has sent a letter home to parents to inform them of the incident.

"The students unfortunately were there and became involved and I think that alone is a really good lesson on what can happen," she said. "I think it's a concern that teens increasingly use weapons to solve problems."

> **"Investigators have a tentative idea of who the suspects might be."**
> Dean Parthenis, police spokesperson

Police spokesperson Dean Parthenis said at about 4 p.m. Tuesday, the two students, aged 17 and 18, went to an area just east of Northmount Hall on 92 Street and 140 Avenue to watch a fight between other unidentified people.

"At some point the two victims became involved in an altercation with two suspects and a short time later the 17-year-old was stabbed in the back, the 18-year-old was stabbed once in the leg and there was another 21-year-old male who was pepper-sprayed in the face and assaulted and suffered facial injuries," Parthenis said. "Investigators have a tentative idea of who the suspects might be but nothing has been officially verified yet."

Parthenis said investigators are still working on possible leads but no one has been charged at this time.

Do not cherry pick spending: Group to G8

HEALTH The head of a group funding the battle against AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in the world's poorest countries is coming to Canada with a message for the G8: don't cherry-pick when it comes to paying for maternal and child health.

The appeal comes after the Harper government's controversial decision not to spend its development dollars on abortion as part of its signature G8 plan.

Canada hosts the G8 summit this month in Huntsville, Ont., and has championed the plan to bring basic health services to the poorest of pregnant women and children, mostly in Africa.

The federal Conservatives say Canada's money would be better spent on other areas, such as training frontline health workers, nutrition, treatment and prevention of diseases such as pneumonia, malaria and AIDS, as well as clean water and sanitation.

But Michel Kazatchkine, executive director of the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, says he doesn't think donor countries should get to pick and choose which child- and maternal-health initiatives get funded and which don't.

"I really don't think that any funding coming in a global commitment should be earmarked, one way or the another, earmarked positively or negatively," Kazatchkine said.

He said the abortion-funding debate shouldn't spill over into any G8 funding pledge. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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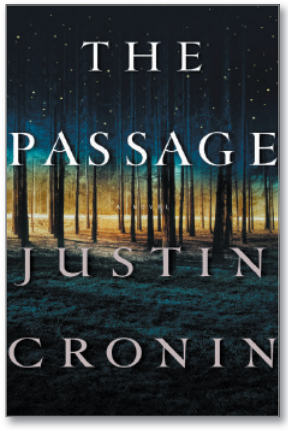

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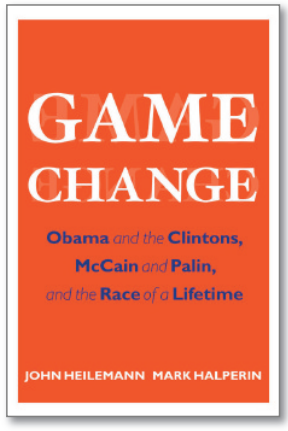

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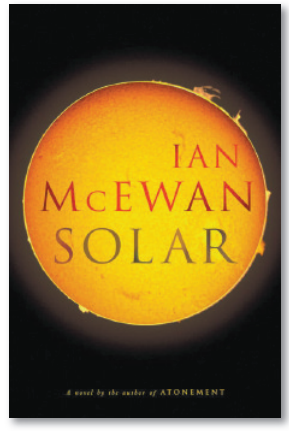

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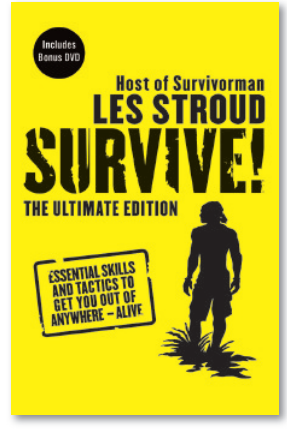

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Taking a stand on tarsands

Lush workers wear nothing but barrels to protest dirty oil

MIRIAM ITZECK
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Exposing their campaign by exposing themselves was the theme for Lush employees yesterday, as they wore nothing but a barrel to protest against the tarsands.

Outside the company's Whyte Avenue location, the employees braved the rain, encouraging passers-by to sign postcards.

Addressed to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the cards are demanding the government fund green, renewable energy and stop the support for the tarsand industry.

Lush employee Damon Nickel said dropping his pants drew a lot of attention to an otherwise overlooked issue.

"We're scraping the bottom of the barrel right now. The time we do run out of oil is not going to be a smooth transition," Nickel said.

"What's happening in the Gulf of Mexico right now just emphasizes our point even more that this really needs to stop."

The strip-down was part of a two-week campaign. Close to 140 Lush stores throughout North America are participating to raise awareness about the environmental impact of the tarsands.

While Lush initiated the campaign, it's not forced upon the employees, said Tricia Stevens, who came from the Vancouver head office to support the Edmonton staff.

"Everyone who's in a barrel today is volunteering to support this part of the campaign," she said.

Stevens said the customers' reactions varied, but this shouldn't be dictating Lush's role as an ethical company.

"We feel that if we're not talking about this important issue and not getting people upset, we're not doing our job," Stevens said.

"If we lose a few customers along the way, hopefully we will have gained some more."

Lush has stopped working with companies that are using oil from the tarsands.

MIRIAM ITZECK/FOR METRO EDMONTON

Lush employees Brittney Miller, Shanda Kunce, Holly Hoover and Damon Nickel strip down in front of the company's Whyte Avenue location to raise awareness of the oil industry's impact on the environment.

> **"If we're not talking about this important issue and not getting people upset, we're not doing our job."** Tricia Stevens, Lush

News in brief

AWARDS Five Albertans and three organizations have been honoured for their exceptional volunteer service to seniors. The Minister's Seniors Service Awards were presented in a special evening ceremony at Government House in Edmonton yesterday. For the 13th edition of the awards, 80 individuals and organizations were nominated. METRO EDMONTON

OILSANDS Premier Ed Stelmach says it's "unfortunate" that city councillors in Bellingham, Wash., have voted to avoid fuel that comes from the oilsands. The resolution explicitly cites the environmental impact from Alberta's oilsands, particularly the depletion of fresh water and the creation of sprawling, toxic tailings ponds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twitter 101 in store for government employees

SOCIAL MEDIA Here's one suggestion as Alberta government employees get ready for Twitter training to help them navigate the new social media: Don't write tweets under the heading, "Stuff My Premier Says."

Because while the Internet might be awash in the candid ramblings of any number of curmudgeons, pundits or tweet-savvy sages, those who work for Premier Ed Stelmach will be expected to be, well, more discreet.

"There is a big role for social media in communication and we want to take advantage of that," said Tom Olsen, director of new media and Internet for the Alberta government.

However, Olsen said it's important guidelines be implemented showing workers how they should conduct themselves on the Internet. "We're still government and there are issues to keep in mind," said Olsen. "Issues like privacy, issues like tone."

During Stelmach's leadership review, he promised to do a better job communicating with the public, including using social media sites.

Since then, several government Twitter and Facebook accounts, as well as blogs, have started up.

Olsen said the government will train and appoint spokespeople who will represent government in social media. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Scion of Williams country dynasty playing Starlite Room

What's in a name? As far as the Williams family goes, great music. Hank Williams III is coming to the Starlite Room with guests Assjack on Wednesday, June 16. Tickets for the show are $25. Doors open at 8 p.m. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Artists' aid society mounts music fest

MIRIAM ITZECK
for Metro Edmonton

"We're looking to help artists who haven't had a super-successful life."
Lynn Wells

FUNDRAISER For three decades Albert Blain was a bassist, well-known to the Edmonton music scene. Then he suddenly passed away in 2003.

A brain aneurysm cut his life short, but family and friends decided to keep his name alive in form of a charity. The Albert Blain Performers Aid Society supports artists, who due to an illness or injury can't perform.

In Blain's case, it had mainly been the funeral costs that his family could not afford.

"We're looking to help artists who haven't had a super-successful life, " said Lynn Wells, the society's director of production.

"Artists suffer and struggle all the time, so when something sudden happens to them, usually the financial backing isn't there."

To raise funds, the society put in place an annual music festival. This year's event will mark the 3rd Annual Alexander Keith Celtic Festival.

On Aug. 14, the family friendly event will draw a dozen artists to the Hawrelak Park Amphitheatre. Last year's event raised $10,000. Since 2004, the charity has been able to help about 25 artists all over Western Canada.

Each year the society is growing, Wells said. Tickets cost $35 in advance and are available at Ticketmaster and Scottish Imports.

News in brief

DANCE The Edmonton dance community will be able to enjoy its own festival with a series of special events, workshops and educational programs this summer. The 2010 Festival of Dance, presented by the Alberta Dance Alliance, is a multi-disciplinary, non-competitive dance festival, focused mainly on the Alberta dance community. Homegrown choreographers and dancers will present their newest creations. Mainstage shows run at Westbury Theatre and TransAlta Arts Barns. The festival will run from June 24 to July 4. Tickets are available at TIX on the Square. METRO EDMONTON

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NAIT instructor Trina Hennig will be racing at the Stratotech International Raceway in Fort Saskatchewan on June 20.

The need for speed

NAIT instructor teaches by day, races by night

Her day job consists of teaching people how to ride a motorcycle safely. But when Trina Hennig punches the clock at the end of the day, her thoughts go to racing 200 km/h just hoping to stay on two wheels.

Hennig has been an instructor in NAIT's Motorcycle Rider Safety Training program for four years and is now running the program. She loves to ride, but racing is her passion.

"In 2004 I went to watch my first Superbike race and loved it so much that I ordered my own race bike," Hennig said.

"I had never even rode that style of motorcycle before but I thought it looked like so much fun and such a thrill that I had to do it."

For the first couple years Hennig said the racing was rough and she crashed a number of times.

"But the last couple of years have been very fun and rewarding," she said.

In the six years that she's been racing, Hennig has made a rapid climb up the ranks to where she is now, the only female in the pro division in Edmonton and one of only a handful of women at that level in the country.

"The last couple of years have been very fun and rewarding."
Trina Hennig

Hennig's next race goes June 20 at the Stratotech International Raceway in Fort Saskatchewan but the five-foot, 125-pound instructor only has one goal. "To keep it up," she said. "I had a great year last year and I just want to come back in to this year on a good note."

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Oilers to host draft party at Rexall

On Friday, June 25, join Oilers Sam Gagner, Ladislav Smid and Jeff Deslauriers as the hockey club hosts a 2010 Draft Party at Rexall Place. The party starts at 3:30 p.m. with a free BBQ at the rink. The draft pre-show starts art 4 p.m. at the first pick goes at 5 p.m. live on the video scoreboard. Tickets are $5. METRO EDMONTON

Curler joins the boys at Skins

From her selection as one of Canada's most beautiful people to an invitation to curl against men, Alberta's Cheryl Bernard is amazed at what keeps coming around the corner at her after the Olympic Games.

The latest is her team's inclusion in the $100,000 TSN Curling Skins Game next January in Rama, Ont.

The Calgarian and teammates Susan O'Connor, Carolyn Darbyshire and Cori Bartel, who won a silver medal at the Winter Olympics, are the second women's team to play in what has been an all-male event. Jennifer Jones played Glenn Howard in the opening round of the 2009 game.

Bernard and company will take on Kevin Martin's team that won the men's Olympic gold.

World champion Kevin Koe from Edmonton and defending Skins championship David Murdoch of Scotland round out the field for the Jan. 22-23 event.

"The Skins is an amazing opportunity for us," Bernard said yesterday.

Bernard, 44, was chosen by the celebrity culture magazine Hello Canada as one of the country's 50 most beautiful people.

"I think they were desperate. They couldn't find No. 50," she joked. "That was a complete shock. It doesn't have anything to do with curling, but it was a very nice and a real different thing for me."

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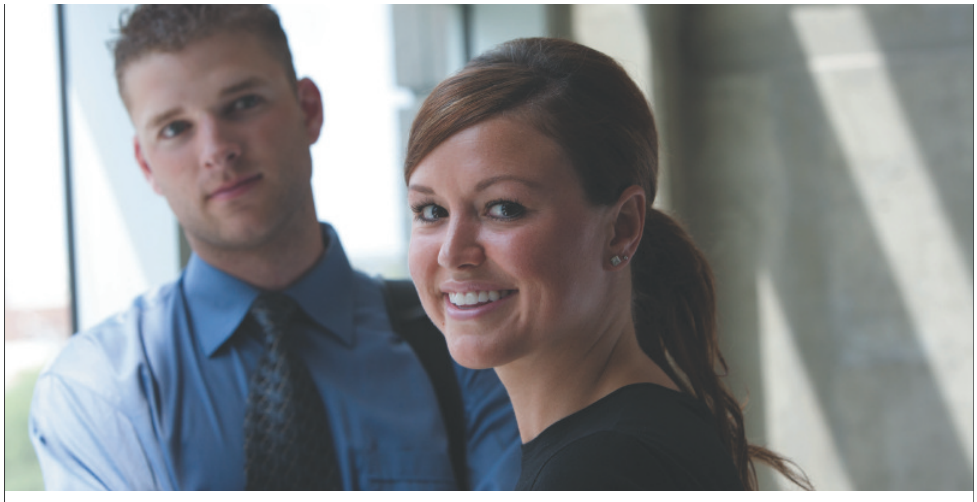
Canadian curler Cheryl Bernard will join Edmonton's Kevin Koe at the TSN Curling Skins Game in Ontario next January.



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Rush sign Keenan for another two years

LACROSSE The Edmonton Rush signed head coach Derek Keenan to a two-year contract yesterday.

He guided the Rush to a franchise-best 10-6 record last season. Edmonton advanced to the West Division final before losing in overtime to the Washington Stealth.

"Having Derek remain at the helm of the Rush is essential to our continued growth and to reach the heightened expectations we have for the 2011 NLL season," team president Gord Sawyer said in a release.

"The Rush made tremendous strides in 2010 and Derek was a major reason for our success."

Keenan was named the NLL's general manager of the year and shared the coach of the year honour with Washington's Chris Hall.

"There was never any doubt in my mind as to where I wanted to be for the next two seasons and hopefully beyond that."
Derek Keenan, Edmonton Rush head coach

"I'm thrilled that we got the contract formality out of the way," Keenan said. "There was never any doubt in my mind as to where I wanted to be for the next two seasons and hopefully beyond that."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jasper park officials get tough on feeding bears

NATURE Jasper National Park officials are cracking down on visitors who are feeding its black bears and grizzlies because the wild animals can become aggressive and attack humans, CBC News Online reports.

Six incidents of bear feeding have been reported since the Victoria Day weekend, officials at Jasper told CBC News.

While "Don't Feed the Bears" signs have been up in the park for more than 50 years, warden supervisor Jim Mamalis said the park is noticing an increase in bear feedings.

The park reported two bear-feeding incidents last year in Jasper, and one each in 2008 and 2007.

Even one feeding can change a bear's behaviour, Mamalis said. It can make the bear more comfortable with getting food from humans and can lead to tragic consequences, such as bear attacks, he said.

Parks Canada officials caught an Edmonton family feeding a black bear bread crumbs over the May long weekend. A photo of the feeding was taken and the family was reported to park officials. Mamalis said the family members were given a warning but not fined. They were remorseful for what they did, he said.

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News in brief

MURDER Ross Edward Kleman confessed to killing the daughter of a pastor from Edson, Alta., shortly after he was arrested and charged in her death on Dec. 4, 2008, according to newly released court documents, CBC News Online reports.

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Summit jammers may silence cellphones

Canada's wireless industry has been told by government officials it's possible cellphone signals will be jammed during the G8 and G20 summits this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Revealed: Elusive secrets of autism

The secrets of autism were laid bare in a wide-ranging landmark report yesterday.

The largest-ever attempt to compare the DNA of individuals with autism to people without the condition shows a substantial number of rare genetic changes are involved in the disease.

The scientists behind the effort — published online yesterday by the journal Nature — said the work identifies dozens of new genes involved in autism.

The pattern that emerges is that the genetic causes of autism are likely far more complex than scientists would have hoped.

And it dashes hopes that a small number of genetic changes might be responsible for the condition.

Senior investigator Steve Scherer, a leading genetics expert at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, said: "Our research findings point to the fact that genetic variations that we discovered are actually rare in frequency, meaning most individuals with autism are probably genetically quite unique, each having their own genetic form of autism."

He likened it to each individual having a genetic fingerprint for his or her own version of autism.

The study involved 1,500 families across North America and Europe.

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> **"Most individuals with autism are probably genetically quite unique."**
> Steve Scherer

CFB Trenton **Tears for their fallen soldier**

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Family members pay their respects beside the casket of Sgt. Martin Rene Goudreault during a repatriation ceremony at CFB Trenton yesterday. Goudreault, 35, was killed on Sunday by a roadside bomb southwest of Kandahar city.

Russian bear on move?

ARCTIC Ottawa denounced it as a land-grabbing stunt when Russia planted its flag on the sea floor under the North Pole in 2007.

But it was all smiles in Norway when federal Northern Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl met the man who piloted the flag-planting sub.

Strahl says Arthur Chilingarov asked him to go to Russia this fall to discuss Arctic issues, which he calls a sign the bear is finally starting to crawl out of its cave.

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Open season on Canada geese in B.C. town

Councillors in Penticton, B.C. have declared open season on Canada geese in hopes of controlling increasingly large flocks. Shooting will also be restricted to city farmland and prohibited in area parks or beaches. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Military grabbing key detainee docs

The Canadian military has started collecting paperwork stashed inside metal shipping containers at Kandahar Airfield that could shed light on whether its commanders turned over detainees to Afghan authorities without weighing the risk of torture.

A military team of four has arrived at the base from Canada to complete the arduous task of retrieving thousands of highly sensitive documents that detail the transfer of detainees from Canadian custody.

"It's not a document hunt," Lt.-Col. Shane Gifford, who is responsible for detainee files at the base, said. "We know where all the documents are. It's not looking for something that fell behind the chairs or something."

The files are the subject of intense controversy in Canada. The Military Police Complaints Commission, an independent federal body, has asked the Department of National Defence to disclose all documents on detainees, including detainee transfer orders in Kandahar. But the federal government says those files are beyond the commission's mandate and is trying to prevent their release. Two weeks ago, lawyers for the Justice Department filed an application with the Federal Court that seeks to overrule the commission's request. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Police released sketches yesterday of a man who'd bought large quantities of fertilizer, after which the man came forward.

Much ado about some fertilizer

PURCHASE Toronto police say they have contacted a man who bought a large amount of a potential bomb-making fertilizer at a store not far from where the G20 summit will be held.

Police say the purchaser contacted the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team shortly after it released a composite sketch of the man to the public yesterday afternoon.

They say that the ammonium nitrate has been recovered from two addresses in Toronto. Police stress there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the purchase and that they do not expect to lay charges.

Earlier in the day, police had said the individual who made the purchase had falsely misrepresented himself as making the purchase on behalf of a local grower.

The man, believed to be in his late 50s or early 60s, bought the ammonium nitrate on May 26 at a farm-supply store in Lincoln, Ont., 100 kilometres from Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

BUDGET Stephen Harper's minority Conservative government has passed its fifth consecutive federal budget with the tacit support of the Liberal opposition. The 2010 budget bill sailed through the House of Commons by a vote of 138-126 on Tuesday, with 30 Liberal MPs absent to ensure the budget survived — along with the government. NDP and Bloc Quebecois members voted against the budget en masse. The massive, 900-page piece of legislation now goes to the chamber of sober second thought, where Independent and Liberal senators are promising to give it a rougher ride. The budget bill amends some five dozen laws, including giving the environment minister the power to bypass environmental assessments on major projects. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Plea for countries to sign on to cluster bomb ban

A global effort to ban cluster bombs has gained the signatures of 106 countries, but 70 more have yet to sign on before the ban goes into effect on Aug. 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Making it up as they go along

Professor Peter Lutz is listed in BP's 2009 response plan for a Gulf of Mexico oil spill as a wildlife expert. He died in 2005.

Under the heading "sensitive biological resources," the plan lists marine mammals including walruses, sea otters, sea lions and seals. None lives anywhere near the Gulf.

The names and phone numbers of several Texas A&M University marine life specialists are wrong. So are the numbers for marine mammal stranding network offices in Louisiana and Florida, which no longer exist.

BP's 582-page regional spill plan for the Gulf, and its 52-page, site-specific plan for the Deepwater Horizon rig are riddled with omissions and glaring errors, according to an Associated Press analysis that details how BP officials have been essentially making it up as they go along. The lengthy plans approved by the U.S. government last year before BP drilled its ill-fated well understate the dangers posed by an uncontrolled leak and overstate the company's preparedness.

"BP Exploration and Production Inc. has the capability to respond, to the maximum extent practicable, to a worst case discharge, or a substantial threat of such a discharge, resulting from the activities proposed in our Exploration Plan," the oil giant stated in its Deepwater Horizon plan.

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India **Training day**

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Police officers perform exercises in Allahabad, India, yesterday. Since the Dantewada bus bombing massacre in May, police in India have stepped up training against terrorists.

News in brief

NETHERLANDS The pro-business VVD party claimed victory in Dutch elections early Thursday, as voters continued a Europe-wide shift to the political right and rewarded parties that pledged to cut spending and discourage immigration. "It appears as if for the first time in our history the VVD has become the largest party in the Netherlands," would-be prime minister Mark Rutte told chanting supporters in the town of Scheveningen. With 96.5 per cent of votes counted, Rutte's party led left-leaning Labor by 31 seats to 30 in the 150-seat parliament, a result that spelled possibly months of haggling between the two to fashion a coalition. Voters also gave a major boost to the anti-Islam Freedom Party of Geert Wilders, which scored its best-ever finish with 24 seats.

NEW YORK At $199 US a night, guests at the new World Center Hotel can get as close to the hive of activity at ground zero as it's possible to get. The hotel just south of the World Trade Center site celebrated its grand opening yesterday. But in what's called a soft opening, guests have been staying there as construction was completed floor by floor.

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Elderly con man agrees to four guilty pleas

An ailing con man pleaded guilty yesterday to killing a teenage couple in Wisconsin nearly 30 years ago and agreed to plead guilty to two murders in the state of Ohio he had earlier confessed to. Edward W. Edwards, 76, unexpectedly entered the guilty pleas during a hearing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two girls, one tragic fate

The FBI thought it was closing in on Joran Van der Sloot in the notorious Natalee Holloway missing-teenager case, and he was paid $25,000 in a sting operation. But when the agency delayed his arrest to help build a murder case, he took the money and headed for Peru, where authorities say he now has confessed to killing a different young woman.

The investigation of van der Sloot in the Alabama teenager's case simply was not far enough along to have had him arrested, the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in Birmingham, Alabama, said yesterday.

Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Patrick Leahy sent a letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller and requested an explanation of "exactly what happened in this case and the basis for all actions taken by the FBI."

Federal law enforcement officials and a private investigator said the work on Holloway's disappearance was revived in April when van der Sloot reached out to someone close to Holloway's mother and requested $250,000 in exchange for disclosing the location of the young woman's body on the island of Aruba.

He got $25,000, and the private investigator says he was taped saying he pushed her down, she hit her head, and she died.

The statement from the FBI and U.S. attorney's office said the law enforcement probe "was not sufficiently developed to bring charges prior to the time van der Sloot left Aruba."

Aruba authorities have been frustrated in their efforts to prosecute van der Sloot because they have been unable to find her remains.

Van der Sloot has told investigators in Aruba that he left the 18-year-old Holloway on a beach, drunk. For years, he has denied involvement in her disappearance. He was the last person seen with Holloway before she vanished during a high school graduation trip to the Dutch Caribbean island on May 30, 2005.

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Stephany Flores, 21, was found dead in a hotel room on June 1.

For five years, van der Sloot has remained the key suspect in Aruba for the disappearance of Holloway.

He is now being held in Peru in connection with the May 30 killing of 21-year-old business student Stephany Flores, daughter of a Peruvian circus impresario and former race car driver. She was found beaten to death, her neck broken, in the 22-year-old Dutchman's hotel room. Police said the two met playing poker at a casino.

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Grisly details revealed in alleged incest case

BRAZIL A man in a remote fishing village in Brazil kept his daughter imprisoned for 12 years, raped her repeatedly and had seven children with her, police said yesterday.

The man is also accused of abusing a young girl he had with his daughter.

Police allege that Jose Agostinho Pereira, 54, kept his daughter, now 28, under virtual house arrest in a two-room, thatched-roof hut near a tiny fishing village in northeastern Brazil.

The alleged abuse began when Pereira's wife left him in 1998, said police inspector Jair Lima de Paiva.

Pereira has been in jail since Tuesday in the city of Pinheiro in Maranhao state, about 2,250 kilometres north of Rio de Janeiro. Charges have not been filed against him. Under Brazilian law, prosecutors only file charges after police have ended their investigation.

Paiva said Pereira kept his daughter and the children in nearly complete isolation in the countryside near the village of Experimento, about 80 kilometres outside of Pinheiro.

While the exact ages of the children — four girls and three boys — were not known as none of their births were registered, police believe they range in age from two months to 12 years.

"None of them were allowed to leave the house. None can read, they can barely communicate with other people," said Paiva.

"They were all threatened with their lives if they tried to escape or tell anyone about the situation."

Paiva said police were tipped off about Pereira's alleged crimes by an anonymous phone call.

Officers were sent to the remote area about 10 days ago, where they located Pereira's house, kept it under observation for a few days and then arrested him.

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Manisha and **Sudhir Bagde** chose to come to Canada in spite of being told by a former neighbour from Mumbai that things weren't too encouraging here right now.

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"We came here to provide a better future for our kids. I am convinced that we will make it in Canada," says Sudhir.

An architect trained with a Master's from JJ College of Architecture, Mumbai, Sudhir was Vice-President of a very well-known construction group. He researched job opportunities in Canada and had lined up a confirmed job in Halifax before moving.

"An agent responded to my online application; we had several discussions over the phone. After a few interviews with the HR people at the firm, I had my first job offer. Unfortunately, the project was shelved, but nobody's to blame for it," says an ever-positive Sudhir." I gained interview opportunities and experience in the process. They say they will contact me when the project gets off the ground."

Manisha, with a Masters in Fine Arts also from JJ School of Arts, ran her own design studio in Mumbai. In Toronto, she is enjoying the weather. She feels absolutely at home and finds Canadians very welcoming.

"Right now both of us are looking for jobs, but things will fall into place soon," she says confidently.

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Pankaj Mehra, Director India and South Asia Markets at Scotiabank, tells the Bagdes, "Water finds its own level. Your positive energy is bound to be reflected in every interaction of yours."

Manisha seizes the word positive. "Everyone here is so positive! We went to Scotiabank and we felt we were with people who cared and would help."

Sudhir had met a Scotiabank representative in Mumbai who told him about the **Scotiabank *StartRight*®** Program for newcomers to Canada and the bank's partnership with HDFC Bank in India.

"I said, 'Good idea!'" laughs Sudhir. "The banking formalities were all completed while I was in India. I had an account in Canada the day I landed." A minor glitch was soon ironed out. The Bagdes had opened a joint account, but Manisha stayed back in India for their daughter to complete her school exams and joined Sudhir a few weeks later.

"Pankaj helped me sort things out. **Intesar Khan**, the Branch Manager at the time at Highway 10 and Ray Lawson in Brampton, opened a new account for me that I could operate until Manisha joined me."

> "Everyone at Scotiabank is so positive and helpful."

"Scotiabank is committed to helping newcomers to Canada settle in well," says **Rania Llewellyn**, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking. "Newcomers like the Bagdes are such an asset to the country."

The Bagdes admit to wondering how their new neighbours would be and if the kids would settle in. Happily, they have positive things to report on both fronts. Their daughter **Kruti**, 17, stayed in touch with friends in India by e-mail while exploring her new neighbourhood over the summer holidays. Their son **Kalpak**, 12, is immersed in books he brings home from the Mississauga Public Library.

Sudhir has now become a Certified Project Manager (PMP) and working towards LEED accreditation, while extensively networking with professionals in his area.

He recounts an amusing incident. "I had to fill out a form and a lady asked me to spell my name. BAGDE, I said. BADGE, she wrote."

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Comment

Friendship underrated

Relating

Steve Collins

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Friendship gets less glory and attention than other relationships. It's too easy, too steady and self-supporting. Maybe it works too well to be taken seriously.

The "friend zone" is shorthand for the second-rate vortex for where love affairs lacking mutuality or sexual chemistry go to die.

Male friendship in particular is sold short. It's entirely expected for you to say you love your kids, your country, friggin' hockey, but say that you love your buddy and an adolescent snickering can still be heard (this would also be the response of many of my dearest friends to such a declaration, so fair is fair.)

The bond with a friend, which Ralph Waldo Emerson lauded both as "one before whom I may think aloud" and one with whom "you can afford to be stupid," is often trivialized with awful words like "bromance." "I love you" must be followed by the neutralizing "man," and ideally shouldn't be delivered before the third round of drinks.

There's none of this pussyfooting in Christopher Hitchens' new memoir, Hitch 22, excerpted in this month's Vanity Fair, which contains warm, funny words about his decades of friendship with Martin Amis, who himself says, "My friendship with the Hitch has always been perfectly cloudless. It is a love whose month is ever May."

No bromance this, though the magazine, perhaps embarrassed, sells it on the cover with the glib, juvenile cover line, "Hitchens (hearts) Martin Amis."

I've always been lucky with my friendships. Their quantity, quality and duration outstrip my due, not the least because I'm pretty rotten at keeping in touch. My emails are slow but sincere. My silences are unforgivably long.

But every reunion has a way of erasing the months or years that have passed. We pick up where we left off because we never really left off, and we can now burn each other all the better over retreating hair and spawning chins. (This ball-breaking is the beautiful thing they try to recreate, usually so horribly, with celebrity roasts. When real friends do it, it's actually stingingly funny.)

In June, as the summer's short supply of weekends begins to disappear into various commitments, I become, through the cruel limitations of time, an even less worthy, more diluted friend.

Visits with those whose schedules are the tightest, one stranded for long stretches in New Zealand, another serving in Afghanistan, get priority for practical reasons, but the triage is always insufficient. I'm always going to miss good times with my favourite people, and there's nothing to say about it but I love you (man.)

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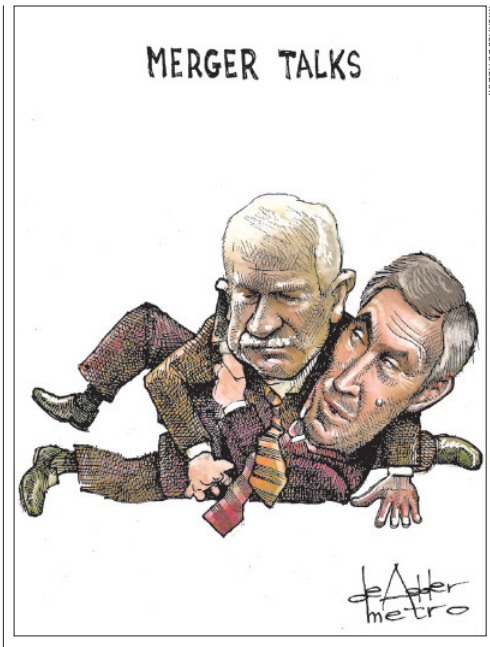

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Views

Open letter to women of Sex and the City

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Dear Carrie, Samantha, Miranda and Charlotte,

We fell out of touch for a few years, shortly before Sex and the City bit the dust in 2004. We all got pretty busy — I know people can change in six years, but it's like I don't even know you anymore ... Flying off to Abu Dhabi, joking about Lawrence of my Labia, drunkenly karaoke singing "I Am Woman," and meeting locals who throw off their black abayas to reveal fabulous designer gowns underneath.

Really? In parts of the UAE, it's legal for men to beat their wives, and women have been charged with illegal sex after reporting rape! Being Woman in Abu Dhabi is no all-expenses paid trip for the average gal.

You aren't the self-assured, sometimes neurotic, sharp-tongued, emotionally sensitive New Yorkers I once knew. You've turned into a four-headed beast that spews crass stereotypes and it's time for an intervention.

I want you to remember who you once were; I want the old Carrie, Samantha, Miranda and Charlotte back.

You're collectively the Freudian four-way dissection of the modern, Western woman — the romantic, the nymph, the workaholic, and the insecure ditz — which is what endears you to all of us. You are us.

The show's not without problems; you live in demographically monochromatic upper class Manhattan, and your problems (men, where to have drinks, the lineup for weekend brunch) are definitely first world. It's not feminist, but it has surprised me.

Consider the era that ushered you in: The show launched alongside the careers of underage, oversexed pop starlets. While Dubya was waging his abstinence-only education program, you were crude but frank about the realities of female sexuality, aging, workaholism and the concept of beauty.

Sure, all of you at one point or another slept with the wrong guy, or forgot to use protection, but there were never recriminations that any of you were slutty, flawed, or bad. Seen in the context of its time, SATC was groundbreaking.

Like muscle cars, explosions, Clint Eastwood and Steve McQueen are to men, your world was ours to escape to, 40 minutes at a time. Can't we just go back to all that? I miss you girls, I really do.

Yours always,
Canice

Sarah Jessica Parker, a.k.a. Carrie

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.

Worth mentioning

Because Internet dating sites offer slim pickings

An Ohio woman spent three days in jail for calling the police emergency line five times seeking a husband.

The dispatcher was flabbergasted by the requests and asked Audrey Scott, of Alliance, "You need to get a husband?"

The 57-year-old Scott responded, "Yes."

Told she could face arrest for misusing the emergency call line, Scott responded, "Let's do it."

Scott was convicted last week of improper use of the emergency system and was sentenced to the three days in jail, which she had already served since her arrest, according to The Review newspaper.

Seven other days were suspended if she stays out of trouble for a year.

After her release, Scott blamed the case on alcohol. There is no phone listing for Scott, who could not be reached for additional comment yesterday.

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Quotes of the Day

– "No one has any authority to even discuss this matter. It's ridiculous." (Michael Ignatieff)
– "It's not a fusion, it's a fiction." (Jack Layton)

— LIBERAL LEADER MICHAEL IGNATIEFF AND NDP CHIEF JACK LAYTON, WHO BOTH SCOFFED AT A MEDIA REPORT YESTERDAY SUGGESTING THEIR PARTIES ARE DISCUSSING A MERGER. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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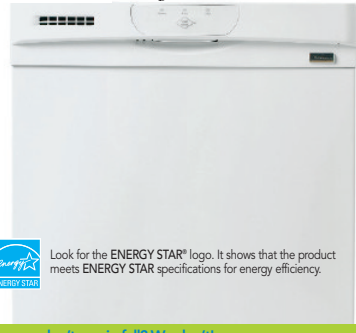

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Chinese bank looks to net record $20B in IPO

Plans for what may be the largest initial public stock offering in history passed a milestone yesterday as China's securities regulator approved Agricultural Bank of China's plans to sell over $20 billion US in shares. The Beijing-based bank serves over 350 million, mainly rural, customers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Oilsands to drive major growth

Report predicts 50 per cent spike in crude oil production over the next 15 years

Canadian crude oil production will jump more than 50 per cent in the next 15 years, driven by expansion in the Alberta oilsands, according to a new report.

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers predicted yesterday that total crude oil production will grow from 2.8 million barrels a day this year to 4.3 million barrels a day by 2025.

This growth will be led by the oilsands, which will contribute 3.5 million barrels a day — or 81 per cent of total crude production — by 2025, compared to 1.5 million barrels a day or 54 per cent of total production this year.

"While the economic downturn in 2009 saw many projects deferred, a stabilizing investment climate, more robust commodity prices and market demand for Canadian crude have provided the foundation for several projects to return to active development," said Greg Stringham, vice-president of markets and oilsands at CAPP.

CAPP added that new technologies are being implemented in challenging conventional oil reservoirs, and these will enable more crude to be produced than was possible in the past.

"Canada's oil and gas industry continues to develop and implement new technologies to better address the challenges of producing oil from more difficult reserves and continuing to reduce environmental impacts," Stringham said.

CAPP's forecast is based on an annual survey of producers and only includes projects currently in operation or under construction.

Imperial Oil Ltd., Suncor Energy Inc., EnCana Corp. and Petro-Canada, a division of Suncor, are all planning major expansions to their oilsands operations.

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European crisis affects demand: OPEC

- OPEC says Europe's debt crisis and an oversupply of crude in the market are weighing heavily on oil demand in the second half of the year. In its latest monthly report released yesterday, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries held its world oil demand growth forecast largely unchanged at 940,000 barrels per day in 2010. The bloc, which supplies almost 35 per cent of the world's oil, says oil's recent price drop appears linked to Europe's debt crisis and a cooling in China's economic growth.

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Ottawa approves sale of Lions Gate

ENTERTAINMENT The federal government has given its approval for U.S. financier Carl Icahn to acquire Lions Gate Entertainment Corp., as the billionaire and activist investor fights to gain majority control of the Canadian-U.S. film and TV company.

Heritage Minister James Moore said yesterday that the Icahn Group has made several assurances — including that the company will maintain jobs in Canada.

"The investor has shown its willingness to promote Canadian cultural products," said Moore in a statement.

"This decision is good for Canada. It will result in Lions Gate maintaining or increasing Canadian film and television production and protect and preserve Canadian jobs."

Icahn already owns about 19 per cent of Lions Gate but has been in a battle for control of the company for months. He wants to rein in spending at Lions Gate and is against the company's interest in buying another studio and its library of older titles.

Last week, Lions Gate said it voted against an unsolicited bid from Icahn to buy the company for $7 US per share, calling the offer too low.

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Profits likely to drop this year

ECONOMY Canadian companies will likely see a modest drop in profitability in the second half of this year, according to the Conference Board of Canada.

A leading indicator fell 0.4 percentage points from April, the second month in a row it has registered such a drop, the Ottawa-based think-tank said.

"The decline suggests that after experiencing a strong post-recession recovery, corporate profitability will weaken modestly in the second half of the year, as interest rates rise," the Conference Board said in a statement. "The outlook for most industries remains positive, but their rates of profit growth are expected to slow."

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Jonathan Shaughnessy, assistant curator and co-ordinating curator of Pop Life at the National Gallery of Canada, stands in a room of works by artist Jeff Koons during a media tour preview of the Pop Life: Art in a Material World exhibit in Ottawa yesterday. The exhibit has various sexually explicit artistic pieces.

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New wireless carriers don't worry Rogers chief

TELECOM Rogers won't compete on price with Canada's new wireless carriers, but doesn't expect to lose many smartphone subscribers and other higher-value customers to them, says chief executive Nadir Mohamed.

"If we're going to lose some (customers), we want to keep the ones that are higher value," Mohamed told the RBC technology conference in New York.

Rogers will focus on customers who use data services, such as streaming video, he said.

"You won't see the Rogers brand being priced in a way that there's a disconnect between the quality and the offer."

Mohamed said he doesn't expect Globalive's Wind Mobile brand, Mobilicity and Public Mobile to take much market share for some time.

"Nationally, that number is going to be fairly small for some time because they won't have launched in enough cities," Mohamed said.

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Consumers complain like never before: Ombudsman

REPORT More complaints were filed by consumers against Canada's financial industry last year than ever recorded before, the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments reports.

The national dispute resolution service says it opened 900 cases in 2009, a 48 per cent increase over the previous year.

That's more than triple the number of cases filed over the last three years, the ombudsman says.

He notes that recently more filings have been made against the investment industry, instead of the banks, driven partly by the global economic downturn, which ravaged stock markets.

The ombudsman's office can investigate complaints from clients of financial institutions, including banks, investment dealers, trust companies, mutual fund dealers, credit unions and scholarship trust plans.

Its services are free to consumers, and it can recommend compensation in amounts up to $350,000.

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Accuser tells police she didn't try to fight Roethlisberger

The college student who accused Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger of sexually assaulting her said she didn't try to fight him off because he appeared to anger easily. The accuser's interview is among more than 50 audio and video recordings released yesterday by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Johnson to coach Nets

Avery Johnson says he has agreed to become the coach of the New Jersey Nets, the NBA's worst team. Johnson says in a text message to The Associated Press that he thinks the Nets will announce the deal today. Nets president and general manager Rod Thorn did not immediately respond when asked to comment on Johnson's text. In an earlier email to The Associated Press, he said he "will have something to say" Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Drought is over in Chicago

Kane's OT goal gives Blackhawks their first Stanley Cup since 1961

(Chicago wins series 4-2)

Blackhawks 4 **Flyers** 3 (OT)

There was no red light, just Blackhawks flying over the boards in celebration.

Sticks and helmets were thrown, scattered all over the ice and still no signal for a goal.

After a brief review, there was no dispute — the Chicago Blackhawks were the Stanley Cup champions.

Patrick Kane sneaked the puck past Michael Leighton 4:10 into overtime and stunned Philadelphia to lift the Blackhawks to a 4-3 overtime win in Game 6 last night for their first championship since 1961.

No one but the Blackhawks appeared to know what was going on for a few frozen moments.

Kane and his linemates seemed the only players on the ice who knew the puck found the side of the net.

The goal light never went on, but that didn't stop most of the Blackhawks from storming the ice and mobbing each other in celebration.

The review was a short one and Kane will go down as scoring one of the biggest winners in team history.

Team captain Jonathan Toews was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

The Blackhawks completed their revival from the bottom of the NHL to holding the silver trophy on the strength of rising stars Kane and Toews.

Annti Niemi was solid in goal to help the Blackhawks wrap up their most successful season since Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita led the way 49 years ago. It ends the longest active championship drought in the NHL.

The Flyers are still looking for their first Stanley Cup title since 1975.

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The Chicago Blackhawks celebrate after teammate Patrick Kane scored the game-winning goal in overtime to defeat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 and win the Stanley Cup at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia last night.

Celtics' Pierce, Allen hope to shake off ugly performances

Lakers lead series 2-1

Lakers at **Celtics**

NBA The Boston Celtics watched the misery unfold again, a poor performance that was tough to take the first time around.

As video played of Tuesday's 91-84 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers, Tony Allen noticed another audience member, Paul Pierce, wasn't enjoying himself.

"He seemed pretty upset today in the film session," Allen said yesterday.

"I just saw his gestures. It kind of looked like he felt he could do more."

Pierce certainly has plenty of room for improvement in Game 4 of the NBA finals tonight.

He made just four shots before tossing in a meaningless layup with 5.1 seconds left and finished with 15 points, two rebounds and two assists.

In Game 2, the Celtics won 103-94 in spite of him as he missed nine of 11 shots and scored just 10 points after leading the team in the regular season with an 18.3 average.

"I'm going to probably have to do more if we're going to win." Paul Pierce

The MVP of the 2008 finals ran into foul trouble on Tuesday, reducing his aggressiveness. Rarely did he drive to the basket, a skill that usually gets him a layup or two free throws. At the video session, Pierce told coach Doc Rivers why.

"It's funny," Rivers said. "I said, 'Paul, that's a driving lane. You've got to get to the basket.' His response was, 'I was worried about getting another foul.' It's tough to play that way."

The futility spotlight focused on Ray Allen, who missed all 13 of his shots and finished with two points Tuesday. But he and Pierce got off to equally poor starts, both missing all five of their shots in the first quarter.

"They had an outstretched arm in front of my ball all night," Allen said.

"I just move forward and just focus on getting good rest today and being ready for tomorrow."

For Pierce, being ready means avoiding foul trouble so he can get into an offensive flow.

On Tuesday, he went to the bench with two fouls with 2:10 left in the first quarter. After picking up his fifth foul with 11:21 to go in the game, he spent the next 3:06 on the bench.

"When I go out there and I'm in foul trouble, it's difficult, which was the case in Game 3," Pierce said.

"I can do more if (the Celtics) need me to do more. Obviously, I'm going to probably have to do more if we're going to win."

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Sports in brief

NFL The NFL Players Association filed a complaint yesterday claiming the league deprived players of potential revenue when it re-negotiated its contracts with television networks. The complaint alleges the NFL structured the contracts so it would be guaranteed money even if there is a lockout in 2011 — while not maximizing revenue from other seasons when the league would have to share that income with players.

ESPN A former ESPN production assistant whose affair with broadcaster Steve Phillips led to their firings has filed a lawsuit against the sports network saying it defamed her. The lawsuit by 23-year-old Brooke Hundley, filed Tuesday in Stamford Superior Court, says ESPN defamed her by firing her based on false statements by Phillips and by claiming she had not fully co-operated with its investigation.

NHL The Phoenix Coyotes say they have re-signed left-wing Scottie Upshall to a one-year contract. Terms of the contract were not disclosed yesterday. The 26-year-old Upshall had a career-high 18 goals and 14 assists in 49 games for Phoenix before sustaining a season-ending knee injury on Jan. 28 against Calgary.

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Chicago 4 Philadelphia 3 (OT) (Chicago wins series 4-2)

NBA PLAYOFFS

TODAY'S GAME

L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7 p.m. (L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1)

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Lightning expected to introduce Guy Boucher as new coach

The Tampa Bay Lightning plan to make a "major" announcement amid reports that Guy Boucher will become their next head coach. The former coach of the American Hockey League's Hamilton Bulldogs reportedly agreed to take over the Lightning after turning down the job with the Columbus Blue Jackets earlier this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

LACROSSE The Edmonton Rush signed head coach Derek Keenan to a two-year contract yesterday. He guided the Rush to a franchise-best 10-6 record last season. Edmonton advanced to the West Division final before losing in overtime to the Washington Stealth.

NFL Green Bay Packers cornerback Brandon Underwood is facing sexual assault claims made by two women following a weekend incident in Lake Delton. His attorney, Richard Kaiser, told The Associated Press and other media outlets that Underwood is the target of the investigation. Police cleared six of seven Packers players of wrongdoing but have not revealed the identity of the seventh player.

COURT Prosecutors say the sex assault case against football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor has not yet gone before a grand jury. The office of Rockland County District Attorney Thomas Zugibe said yesterday that Taylor's next court appearance has been postponed from today to June 24.

AUCTION The black Mizuno bat Pete Rose used for his final, record hit — No. 4,256 — is being auctioned by a New York firm that expects it to become one of the most expensive bats ever sold. The 34-inch, 32-ounce bat is the featured item in a collection being sold through Lelands.com. Rose is baseball's all-time hits leader.

CURLING From her selection as one of Canada's most beautiful people to an invitation to curl against men, Cheryl Bernard is amazed at what keeps coming around the corner at her after the Olympic Games. The latest is her team's inclusion in the $100,000 TSN Curling Skins Game next January in Rama, Ont. World champion Kevin Koe from Edmonton and defending Skins championship David Murdoch of Scotland will also be at the Jan. 22-23 event.

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Strasburg-mania hits the road

Rookie's first road start boosting ticket sales in Cleveland

Strasburg-mania has hit the road.

With rookie sensation Stephen Strasburg set to make his second major league start in Cleveland, the Indians, ranked last overall in attendance, sold more than 3,000 tickets yesterday for Sunday's game against the 21-year-old, who struck out 14 in his dazzling debut.

The Washington Nationals confirmed Strasburg will start Sunday at Progressive Field. On Tuesday, he dominated the Pittsburgh Pirates for seven innings in a 5-2 win before a standing-room-only crowd of 40,315 in the U.S. capital.

His appearance is giving a much-needed attendance bump to the Indians, who are in last place in the AL Central and only averaging 15,527 fans at home game.

The team has sold 4,300 tickets since last week, when it appeared Strasburg would face Cleveland in his second game.

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Wearing an Elvis wig, Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg is covered in shaving cream Tuesday night after the Nationals defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 in Strasburg's major league debut. Strasburg struck out 14 and picked up the win.

Strasburg's stop in Cleveland is expected to draw the Indians' second-largest crowd this season.

It will also include 91-year-old Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller, whose entrance into the majors as a 17-year-old in 1936 created a similar national stir.

Feller didn't seem overly excited to see Strasburg.

"Is he excited to see me? No," Feller said. "I'll be here. If he can throw 105 miles per hour, I'll tell him to throw his changeup at 102."

The Indians, who once had 455 consecutive home sellouts, were only sold out on opening day this season.

Their second-biggest crowd was 25,531 in the 43,000-seat ballpark.

"It's creating a fan buzz around baseball," Indians spokesman Bob DiBiasio said, adding the team will provide a further update on ticket sales later.

"It's something we're excited about, to be able to play host to the young man's first road start."

Strasburg's 14 strikeouts are the most in a major league debut since J.R. Richard fanned 15 for Houston in 1971.

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'Strasburger'

- If it wasn't already clear that Stephen Strasburg is the Washington Nationals' biggest star, now he has his own burger. The Washington restaurant BGR: The Burger Joint, is creating the "Strasburger," a burger topped with a hot dog and smothered in aged Vermont cheddar cheese.

Fisher a friend and valued teammate to Lakers' Bryant

NBA Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher had a pretty productive relationship when they first came into the NBA together, winning three titles with the Los Angeles Lakers and forging a friendship that belied the differences in their personalities and their skills.

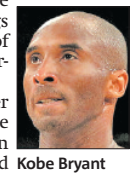
Derek Fisher

"It's not because our games are similar, it's not because of talent similarities or any of that," Fisher said yesterday after the Lakers practised for Game 4 of the NBA finals against the Boston Celtics.

"It's just that we've experienced a lot of good and bad things together. Because we've been through those fires, we're just comfortable relying on each other, and I think he knows and I know that if anything in the world happened, if there was one person that would stand up and say, 'I'm here for you,' you know, it would go both ways."

A tough and emotional point guard with a history of clutch performances, Fisher made five baskets in the fourth quarter to lead the Lakers to a 91-84 victory over Boston Tuesday night and a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven NBA finals.

His signature play this time wasn't a long-distance heave — like the one he sank against San Antonio with 0.4 seconds left in 2004 — or a series of jumpers like those that turned things around in Game 4 of the finals against Orlando last year.



Kobe Bryant

Instead, Fisher helped clinch the victory over Boston when he followed through on a breakaway layup before being flattened by three Celtics. Fisher, who's 6-1 and 210 pounds, converted the three-point play to turn it into a seven-point game.

"He's very, very, very, very tough — mentally and physically," Bryant said. "He doesn't back down from anything or anyone."

Fisher played the first eight years of his career with the Lakers, winning three titles in the Shaq-and-Kobe era before signing with Golden State as a free agent in 2004.

It was only then that Bryant appreciated what kind of friend and teammate he had.

"Fish and I, we've always been close, though I think when he left we became even closer, as weird as that seems," Bryant said.

"Everything happens for a reason. It's kind of good to see him kind of come full circle and be back here again."

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Argentina's lineup seems set

Head coach Diego Maradona seems to have settled on starting strikers Carlos Tevez, Lionel Messi and Gonzalo Higuain for Argentina's World Cup opener against Nigeria Sunday. Argentina is the favourite to win Group B, which also includes Greece and South Korea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA World Cup

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South Africa's time to shine

As World Cup arrives, nation revels in road from conflict to celebration

Soccer's stars have converged on South Africa from across the globe, but on the eve of the World Cup, it is the host nation — with all its flaws and all its wonders — that has seized the spotlight.

Crime is rampant, in shantytowns and posh suburbs. An HIV-AIDS epidemic rages. Yet the welcome for the world — from Cape Town to Soweto — couldn't be warmer, or more proud.

Blaring their plastic trumpets, or "vuvuzelas," and displaying their multicoloured flag on their cars and their homes and themselves, South Africans are embracing this historic moment. It's by far their boldest foray onto the world stage since Nelson Mandela formally ended the apartheid era by winning the presidency in 1994.

"It has unified all South Africa," said Irvin Khoza, chairman of the local organizing committee. "It doesn't matter if you're black or white, or if you're close to the sport or not. Everybody in this country is wearing the flag."

The four-week, 32-team tournament opens tomorrow with South Africa's national squad — a long shot to bookmakers but a favourite to adoring local fans who call it Bafana Bafana — taking on Mexico at Soccer City, the 94,700-seat stadium rising amid old gold mines between Johannesburg and Soweto.

It will be the first time the world's most-watched sporting event is held anywhere in Africa, where soccer fever runs deep, and it takes place in a country that for decades was an international sports outcast, boycotted because of its racist policies.

Brazil and Spain are the favourites to win the title. Other popular teams, according to a worldwide survey released this week by Nielsen Media Research, include former champions Argentina, England and Germany — along with the United States, which was picked to win by 46 per cent of North Americans.

Even enigmatic North Korea is here, its unheralded and long shot team qualifying for a World Cup for the first time since 1966 amid a flare-up of tension with its neighbour and fellow tournament entry, South Korea.

A few top stars are absent due to injury, but England's Wayne Rooney is here, as is Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo. Argentina has arguably the world's best player, Lionel Messi, and the most flamboyant coach, Diego Maradona.

Estimates vary as to how many foreign visitors will come — perhaps 350,000 or 400,000. When ticket sales lagged last month, organizers made more of them available to South Africans, and now nearly all have been purchased.

The pervasive mood seems to be exhilaration. Under a canopy of helium balloons, a euphoric, multiracial crowd greeted the mostly black national team yesterday when it appeared in Sandton — the heart of Johannesburg's privileged white suburbs.

Young South Africans are thrilled. Their elders share the excitement, with extra perspective.

Simon (Ox) Malhangu, who played pro soccer in the 1970s with the Soweto-based Moroka Swallows, was among many world-class stars who never got to play official international matches for his country because of a sports boycott imposed to protest apartheid.

"To be honest with you, we never thought we'd host such a tournament of this magnitude in our lifetime," Mahlangu, 58, said in a telephone interview. "We're counting ourselves lucky, as people now approaching their 60s, to be hosting such a great event."

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Local children play football in the Khayelitsha Township yesterday in Cape Town, South Africa.

"It doesn't matter if you're black or white, or if you're close to the sport or not. Everybody in this country is wearing the flag." Irvin Khoza, organizer in South Africa

Italian coach defends team from critics who say it's too old

EXPERIENCE Marcello Lippi is getting tired of hearing that Italy's players are too old to win the World Cup again. And he doesn't appreciate the rampant skepticism over his squad — even back home.

Lippi lashed out at Italy's critics at his first chance upon landing in South Africa yesterday, pleading to at least give the team a chance to prove itself.

"Yes, we have old players, but with age comes charisma and the experience of playing in big games. I think we have the right mix of young and old players," Lippi said. "We have nine players from 2006 — that's less than 50 per cent. I've never seen any team that wins the World Cup show up four years later with 23 new players.

While Lippi has kept the likes of 36-year-old Fabio Cannavaro and 33-year-olds Gianluca Zambrotta and Mauro Camoranesi, he has also brought along three 23-year-old defenders — Salvatore Bocchetti, Leonardo Bonucci and Domenico Criscito.

28 The average age of the Italian squad is 28 years nine months. Ghana is the youngest team, with an average age of 24.

Still, the new players have not proved themselves yet and most analysts are picking Brazil, Spain, Argentina and England as the favourites, with the defending champion hardly ever mentioned.

Criticizing the national team has become a sort of national sport in Italy over the past few weeks.

"Whenever a World Cup comes around everyone wants to get in their say. Last time everyone joined in as we moved along, but this time we're not going to allow anyone to jump on the bandwagon," Lippi said.

With midfielder Andrea Pirlo likely to miss the entire group phase due to a left calf injury, Italy is without its most talented player.

"Single players don't win World Cups. Let's be clear. There are no longer any superstars in Italy, and it's not like anyone I left home would alter the skill aspect," added Lippi, who was criticized for not even considering talented but temperamental forwards Antonio Cassano and Mario Balotelli.

Lippi recalled his team was very nervous before the 2006 opener with Ghana and didn't feel truly confident until its memorable extra-time win over Germany in the semifinals.

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Coaches plan different paths to Cup glory

From dour Dunga to the downright eccentric Diego Maradona, the leading coaches at the World Cup are plotting different ways to win the title.

Brazil coach Dunga has upset millions of his countrymen by leaving big stars such as Ronaldinho, Alexandre Pato and Adriano out of a squad he believes needs stability to win a sixth World Cup.

Dunga

One of the game's all-time greats as a player, Maradona has stunned the soccer world by ignoring hugely experienced defenders Javier Zanetti and Esteban Cambiasso, who showed their top form by helping Inter Milan win the Champions League.

England's Fabio Capello has a technique to get these millionaire stars to do what he wants, to behave smartly and respectfully even at their team hotel where cellphones and flip-flops are banned in public and the players dine together as a team.

Diego Maradona

"Capello instils fear, like a severe dad," England striker Wayne Rooney said of the England head coach. "He has explained to us how to do everything. He has made us more of a squad. He has worked above all on the tactics, now we can change them every match."

Spain's Vicente Del Bosque knows his side is among the leading favourites, especially with most of the Euro 2008 winning team he inherited from Luis Argones still around.

Quiet and happy to stay out of the spotlight, Del Bosque won domestic and European titles with Real Madrid and many neutral football fans in the world would applaud him for a World Cup triumph.

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Uruguay names starting team

Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez named his starting team yesterday for its World Cup opener against France. Defender Mauricio Victorino and midfielder Egidio Arevalo were the surprise picks for Friday's game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2010 WORLD CUP SCHEDULE

	GROUP MATCHES															ROUND OF 16					
	FRI JUNE 11	SAT JUNE 12	SUN JUNE 13	MON JUNE 14	TUE JUNE 15	WED JUNE 16	THU JUNE 17	FRI JUNE 18	SAT JUNE 19	SUN JUNE 20	MON JUNE 21	TUE JUNE 22	WED JUNE 23	THU JUNE 24	FRI JUNE 25	SAT JUNE 26	SUN JUNE 27	MON JUNE 28	TUE JUNE 29	WED JUNE 30	THU JULY 1
JOHANNESBURG Soccer City	16:00 RSA vs MEX			13:30 NED vs DEN			13:30 ARG vs KOR			20:30 BRA vs CIV			20:30 GHA vs GER				20:30 1B vs 2A (2)			REST DAYS	
JOHANNESBURG Ellis Park		16:00 ARG vs NGA			20:30 BRA vs PRK			16:00 SVN vs USA			20:30 ESP vs HON			16:00 SVK vs ITA				20:30 1G vs 2H (7)			
NELSPRUIT Mbombela						13:30 HON vs CHI				16:00 ITA vs NZL			20:30 AUS vs SRB		16:00 PRK vs CIV						
RUSTENBURG Royal Bafokeng		20:30 ENG vs USA			13:30 NZL vs SVK				16:00 GHA vs AUS			16:00 MEX vs URU		20:30 DEN vs JPN		20:30 1C vs 2D (3)					
BLOEMFONTEIN Free State				16:00 JPN vs CMR			16:00 GRE vs NGA			13:30 SVK vs PAR		16:00 FRA vs RSA			20:30 SUI vs HON		16:00 1D vs 2C (4)				
CAPE TOWN Green Point	20:30 URU vs FRA			20:30 ITA vs PAR				20:30 ENG vs ALG			13:30 POR vs PRK			20:30 CMR vs NED					20:30 1H vs 2G (8)		
DURBAN Durban			20:30 GER vs AUS			16:00 ESP vs SUI			13:30 NED vs JPN			20:30 NGA vs KOR			16:00 POR vs BRA			16:00 1E vs 2F (5)			
POLOKWANE Peter Mokaba			13:30 ALG vs SVN				20:30 FRA vs MEX					20:30 GRE vs ARG		16:00 PAR vs NZL							
PORT ELIZABETH N. Mandela Bay		13:30 KOR vs GRE			16:00 CIV vs POR			13:30 GER vs SRB			16:00 CHI vs SUI		16:00 SVN vs ENG			16:00 1A vs 2B (1)					
TSHWANE Loftus Versfeld			16:00 SRB vs GHA			20:30 RSA vs URU			20:30 CMR vs DEN				16:00 USA vs ALG		20:30 CHI vs ESP				16:00 1F vs 2E (6)		

Match times are listed at the local time in South Africa. Time conversions are as follows: Halifax (– 5 hours) • Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal (– 6 hours) • Calgary & Edmonton (– 8 hours) • Vancouver (– 9 hours). Example: A game listed at 4pm local time would start at 11am in Halifax, 10am in Toronto, 8am in Calgary and 7am in Vancouver.

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Swiss captain hurts ankle

Swiss captain Alex Frei injured his right ankle in training yesterday only hours before the squad heads to South Africa for the World Cup. Video footage on news website 20min.ch shows the FC Basel forward being treated on the pitch before limping off at Zurich's Letzigrund stadium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GROUPS

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
South Africa (RSA)	Argentina (ARG)	England (ENG)	Germany (GER)	Netherlands (NED)	Italy (ITA)	Brazil (BRA)	Spain (ESP)
Mexico (MEX)	Nigeria (NGA)	USA (USA)	Australia (AUS)	Denmark (DEN)	Paraguay (PAR)	Korea DPR (PRK)	Switzerland (SUI)
Uruguay (URU)	Korea Rep. (KOR)	Algeria (ALG)	Serbia (SRB)	Japan (JPN)	New Zealand (NZL)	Ivory Coast (CIV)	Honduras (HON)
France (FRA)	Greece (GRE)	Slovenia (SVN)	Ghana (GHA)	Cameroon (CMR)	Slovakia (SVK)	Portugal (POR)	Chile (CHI)

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FRI JULY 2	SAT JULY 3	SUN JULY 4	MON JULY 5	TUE JULY 6	WED JULY 7	THU JULY 8	FRI JULY 9	SAT JULY 10	SUN JULY 11
20:30 1 vs 3 (A)		REST DAYS				REST DAYS			20:30 Winner I vs Winner II
	20:30 6 vs 8 (D)								
	16:00 2 vs 4 (B)			20:30 A vs C (I)					
					20:30 B vs D (II)				
16:00 5 vs 7 (c)								20:30 Loser I vs Loser II	

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Portugal counting on Ronaldo goals

The World Cup provides a global showcase for soccer's greatest forwards, and if Cristiano Ronaldo wants to reach the status of Pele and Diego Maradona, he must do something he hasn't done for 16 months — score a goal for Portugal.

The tournament in South Africa needs stars like Ronaldo and Argentina's Lionel Messi to produce their skills on the sport's biggest stage, to thrill the billions of spectators watching games on television worldwide.

That means FIFA's 2008 world player of the year will have to break a goal drought stretching back to a friendly game in February 2009, when he scored from the penalty spot against Finland.

In competitive matches, he has not found the net for Portugal since the 2008 European Championship.

"It's not a problem," the Real Madrid player said before the tournament. "I'm saving myself for the World Cup."

The time to deliver on that promise has come as Portugal readies for its June 15 opener against Ivory Coast.

Ronaldo has the ability to set a game alight, which is why Real Madrid paid Manchester United $118 million US for him a year ago.

The Portuguese forward's electrifying bursts of pace, his spellbinding footwork and blistering right-foot shots — which Manchester United fans nicknamed "Ronny rockets" — have brought crowds to their feet at Old Trafford and the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

Injuries, though, have unsettled Ronaldo's international career. He played in just seven of Portugal's 12 World Cup qualifying matches and, in some games, was still recovering from injury.

In 73 appearances since his 2003 debut, Ronaldo has scored 22 goals.

Still, Portuguese fans grumble that his inability to reproduce his club form at international level is partly to blame for Portugal's recent below-par performances.

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Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal takes part in a friendly match against Mozambique Tuesday in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Where to catch World Cup action

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Soccer fans rejoice, the World Cup is finally upon us and despite Canada once again missing out on the biggest soccer party in the world, fans will be flocking to their favourite pub, hall or coffee shop to take in the beautiful game.

Overtime Broiler and Taproom, on the south side, is being billed by one group of expats as England's unofficial World Cup headquarters.

Stuart Bendall has been busy over the months leading up to tomorrow's kick off, organizing England fans through Facebook and email.

"I'm kind of doing it for selfish reasons because I want to hang out with a load of English people and drink and support the team," Bendall said. "I think it will be great on the south side because a lot of expats live on that side of the city."

If bangers and mash isn't your thing, how about sipping a cappuccino in Little Italy while watching the Azzurri take on Paraguay?

Café Epoca is one of the places to be if you're an Italian fan. Server Aaron Marrazzo said the streets in Little Italy will be full.

"It should be fully packed, especially because we're in Little Italy," he said. "The streets get crowded when Italy wins a game and that's why people want to come down here and check out the atmosphere. It's exciting."

Marrazzo is half Italian and half Portuguese, but it's clear who he's cheering for once the whistle blows.

"I always cheer for Italy," he said. "The Portuguese people come here on a normal day but when their team is playing, they won't be coming here."

Instead, some of the approximately 10,000 Portuguese Edmontonians will be at the Café Solneve Pub and Bar on 95 Street just north of Little Italy.

Antonio Alexandre comes from Portugal originally but has lived in Edmonton for the past 30 years.

Alexandre said if he's not watching the games at home, he'll be at Solneve.

"I like to be around a lot of people," he said. "It's like when you go to the stadium and there are thousands of people, the vibrations from one transmit to the others. You can cheer, you can swear, you can do anything."

Alexandre and the rest of the Portuguese fans hope they'll have something to cheer about come mid-July, but even if they don't, the atmosphere will be great and they can always cheer against their rivals.

"I wish for Italy to lose all their games," he said. "I'm Portuguese, I only cheer for Portugal. I hope Brazil goes out in the first round."

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Summer rule No. 1: Keep cool

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Left: Using cool colours like white and grey can keep a room looking and feeling cool, but installing a ceiling fan on an upper floor can actually help keep a house cool (right).

Decorated and ventilated properly, a house, apartment or condo can keep cool during the blazing days of summer without the need of having central air. Here are a few practical and decorative ways to keep things cool during the summer:

In your apartment: Install a window air conditioner. A small 10,000-15,000 unit will keep an area of 500-800 square feet cooled down. Use a floor standing fan to re-direct the cool air around the apartment. Check with your building management before purchasing and installing a window air conditioner as they may have regulations to follow.

Decorating ideas: Choose white blinds and/or a backing on drapes to reflect the sun's rays, and keep drapes closed when hot sun is pouring in; hang bamboo blinds outside to diffuse the hot sunlight that hits the windows.

In your basement apartment: Since cool air falls, you may not need an air conditioner however basements are often humid. Get a dehumidifier to take the water out of the air and the temperature will feel 5-10 degrees cooler; open windows once the outside temperature have dipped below the temperature inside.

Decorating ideas: Apply a frosted film on windows to create privacy but still allow as much light in as possible. Use an exhaust fan while showering allows steam and humidity to escape.

In your townhouse: If you have central air conditioning, close the vents on the main floor to force more air upstairs. As cold air falls, the lower levels will cool down. Use ceiling fans on upper floors to draw air upwards and keeping the cool air from falling. Use your bathroom exhaust fan on top floors to draw out the hot air and pull cool air up.

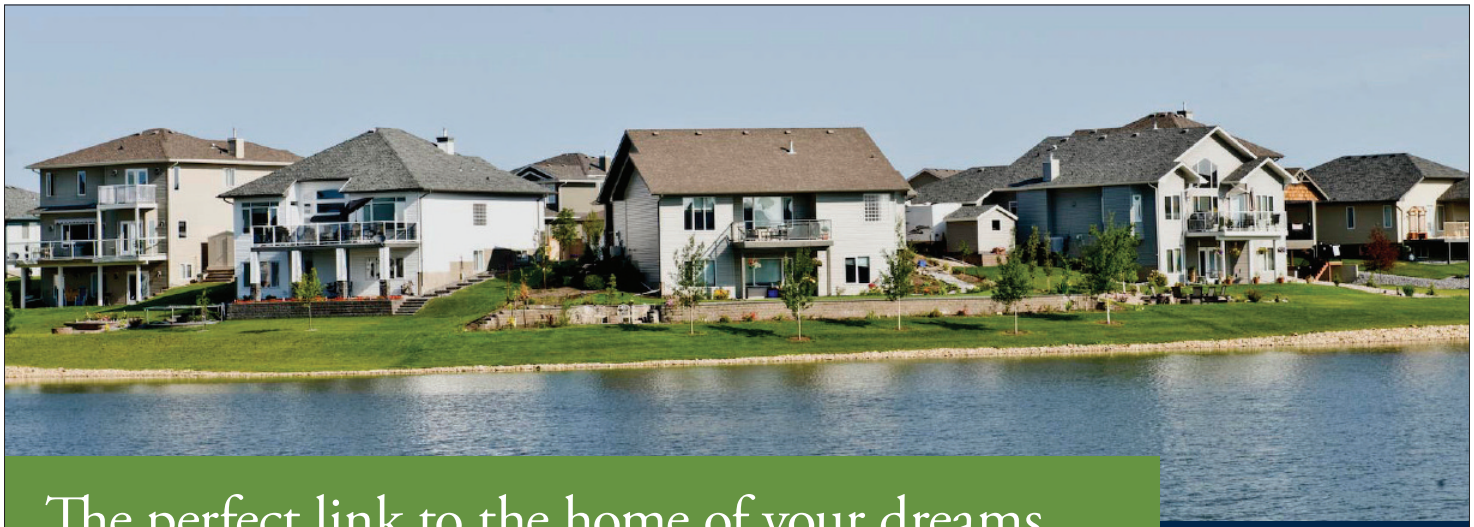
Decorating ideas: Decorate using light and airy colours like grey, blue and white on upper floors where its always warmer; the cooler it looks the cooler you will feel. Keep all south facing blinds and drapes closed during the day when the sun is the hottest.

Rid all upper floors of heavy area carpets which can insulate the heat.

'Cool' things

- Cool air falls; windows are to be opened only once the temperature outside becomes cooler than inside at night

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home; no matter what your budget or style.



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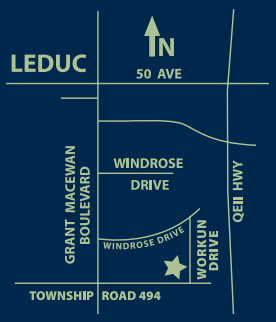

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Mix up some colour co-ordination this summer by bringing a dose of the outside inside.

Sky blues, grassy greens and sunshine yellows — this is the time to go bold with colour, whether straight up, or in pretty patterns or flirty florals.

Sebastien Fauteux, general merchandising manager for Urban Barn, said it's easy to freshen up an interior for summer.

"A pop of colour really goes a long way," said Fauteux, in town recently from Vancouver. "Painting a wall can be overwhelming, but you don't have to go far."

He said iconic items shrouded in whimsy are popular this season, such as the colourful Buddhas at Urban Barn. The smiling statues give off a joyous vibe.

Legend has it that rubbing the Laughing Buddha's great belly can bring wealth, good luck and prosperity. Turquoise, pink or orange statues are 8" tall, Urban Barn, $37, urbanbarn.ca.

Below: Splash some cheery colour in the bedroom with these distinctive 180 and 200 thread-count sheet sets or comforter sets ($25) or duvet sets ($29.88). Wal-Mart, $25, walmart.ca.

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Left: The Boka Table Lamp is an update on mid-century modern design, with an appealing blend of curves and angles. Crate & Barrel, $229.95, crateandbarrel.ca. Right: Eye-catching, substantial square Brine Jars with lids are handcrafted of ceramic clay and finished in artisanal glazing. $59.95 and $79.95.

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Create a picture-perfect patio

As the weather gets nicer, there's nothing better than expanding your living space outdoors. And luckily, it's easy and affordable to create a comfortable and chic outdoor room. Use these quick tips to transform your space.

Simply putting furniture on a deck or patio doesn't create an inviting outdoor living area — instead, be sure to look at the bigger picture.

As you would an interior room, incorporate a theme and colour scheme into your new design. Arrange the furniture so that it is inviting for you and your guests to socialize.

And, no need to buy new furniture to make your outdoor space look new. Instead, apply a fresh coat of stain or spray paint to your existing wood or metal furniture for a stylish and updated look.

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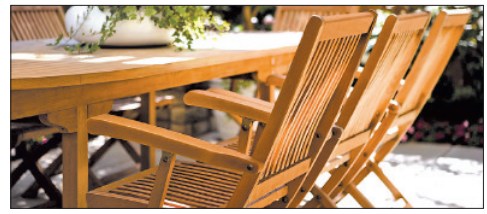

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Cork furnishings are both stylish and sustainable

Crafting websites have hundreds of clever ideas for repurposing wine corks, from turning them into picture frames to making ornaments to using them as knife cleaners or storage receptacles.

And the professional design world has discovered cork as well. There are beautiful examples to be found in furniture and home accessories.

Cork is the outer bark of the cork oak tree, found in the Mediterranean and, in particular, Portugal, where more than half the world's cork comes from. The trees are a remarkable renewable resource; the bark can be harvested every nine or 10 years for the life of the tree — most live to about 200. A tree in its prime, at 80 years old, can yield 200 kilograms of cork. That's enough raw material to produce about 25,000 natural wine corks.

Cork is durable, lightweight, naturally insulating, fire and rot resistant, and has a soft, pliable quality. It can be shaved thin enough to be used as a fabric for anything from handbags to upholstery. In thicker forms, or layered over other materials, cork makes great furniture and building materials.

Philadelphia-based designer Michael Iannone uses the material artistically in a collection of striking sideboards. Geometric and nature motifs are coaxed out of differently coloured and textured cork.

"As a green furniture designer, I'm always looking for new materials to expand the range of sustainable materials that are available," Iannone says. "We've always incorporated graphics into our furniture line — cork fits the bill as a green material, and gives me a wide range of colours and finishes to create graphics with."

Vitra's smart stools appear at first glance to be wine corks for enormous bottles. They're light and portable, and would complement any decor.

MOMA's design store now features "Destination: Portugal," an exhibit of goods from that country's best designers. There are cork umbrellas, envelopes and stylish tableware.

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The Portuguese Cork Association shows workers as they harvest cork from a cork oak tree in Portugal. The trees are a remarkable renewable resource; the bark can be harvested every nine or 10 years for the life of the tree.

Summertime style can look like outdoor havens

Change up your backyard patio

Nothing is more relaxing than a breath of fresh air, which is likely the reason why the lines between indoors and out have blurred immensely. More and more homeowners are moving their living rooms outside to well-appointed patios and decks, furnishing these spaces with all the comforts of their favourite indoor gathering spaces.

In fact, research shows homebuilders are now incorporating two- and three-sided outdoor rooms into home plans. Manufacturers, too, are addressing the trend by providing a wide array of products designed for outdoor living, giving homeowners nearly as many choices to decorate their outdoor living rooms as those inside their homes — including furniture, textiles, lighting, grills and even WiFi-enabled outdoor entertainment systems.

"Homeowners are spending as much time and effort on outdoor living projects as they do indoor decorating endeavours," notes Denise Patterson, product manager for Krylon, the nation's leader in spray paint.

"With the summer season upon us, now's the time to freshen up outdoor living spaces and make them 'relaxation ready' for the warm months of fun."

One of the easiest and most inexpensive ways to spruce up an outdoor area is by refurbishing existing furniture and other pieces with spray paint.

While you want furniture to look stylish, you also want something that is easy to clean and maintain, and holds up against the elements like rain, heat and sunlight.

No one wants freshly painted furniture to fade, chip or rust before the season ends.

From wicker furniture and patio tables, to pottery and planters, Krylon's Outdoor Spaces line of spray finishes offers a wide range of durable, yet contemporary colours that can easily help you achieve sophisticated looks with the convenience of spray paint. Because homeowners are looking for more than just basic colours, they're available in several new, vibrant and exciting hues including poppy, ivy, ocean and sunlight.

Once your painting projects are complete, accent your bold colour choices with unique and interesting cushions and throw pillows made from stain- and mildew-resistant fabrics. Also keep in mind, your new furniture colours and coordinating cushions will "pop" and look brighter with the right kind of outdoor lighting. Depending on how you configure your outdoor living space, you can install lighted ceiling fans, environmentally friendly solar accent lighting to surrounding flowerbeds and even use portable lamps designed expressly for exterior use.

> **"Homeowners are spending as much time and effort on outdoor projects as they do indoor endeavours."**
> Denise Patterson

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Jacobs honoured at CFDAs

Marc Jacobs took home the big prize as the top talent in womenswear while a lifetime achievement award was presented to Michael Kors from Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour at the Council of Fashion Designers of America awards earlier this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Style

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High-fashion ambition

Top-earning Victoria's Secret supermodel Doutzen Kroes likes her bread, body and bikini shoots

Doutzen Kroes might not fit the mould of a top model.

She's a jeans-and-T-shirt girl. She likes — and eats — bread. She wasn't discovered in a remote place by a famous scout or photographer. And at 25, she has curves that have kept her off a lot of high-fashion runways.

But somehow, none of that matters.

Kroes ranked No. 5 this year on the Forbes list of top-earning models. She's most recognized as a Victoria's Secret Angel, the brand's top tier of models, a spokeswoman for L'Oreal and the former face of Calvin Klein Eternity.

"My life has always been like I'm in a bubble and it's floating and it goes in the right direction," Kroes says. "I don't want to interrupt it."

It was Kroes, a Dutch native, who got the ball — or bubble — rolling. As a teenager, she saw a magazine photo of a model and she thought to herself, "She has beautiful hair, beautiful makeup, a beautiful dress, and I thought I'd like to look like that one day."

GETTY IMAGES

Doutzen Kroes (far right) attends Victoria's Secret Models Share Shopping Secrets Of A Supermodel event last month in L.A.

Her sister took photos and Kroes sent them off to a modelling agency in Amsterdam, a place she rarely visited as a self-described "country girl." Kroes' passion until then had been competitive speed skating.

Other than her sister, no one knew about her new high-fashion ambition.

"I didn't tell anybody that I sent the pictures because I'd be embarrassed if I didn't get the job," she says.

Apparently she didn't need to worry with her long blond hair, blue eyes and Brigitte Bardot look. She relocated to New York within a year.

Kroes has a "modern style," describes L'Oreal's international general manager Vianney Derville, who also says the model is "blessed with an excellent sense of professionalism and a natural elegance."

On most days, you'll still find her in jeans, T-shirt and flat shoes, but she likes stepping it up for a night out. At last month's Costume Institute Gala Benefit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Kroes was the date of designer Zac Posen, wearing a princess-worthy blue gown that they collaborated on. For the Cannes Film Festival a few days later, she wore a glamorous Grecian-style gown with a plunging neckline by Roberto Cavalli.

Earlier this week, she presented the popular-vote award at the Council of Fashion Designers of America Hollywood-style awards show.

Kroes is outspoken about her feminine, curvy figure and how it's cost her jobs. She was a panellist for the CFDA's round-table discussion about too-skinny models and says she hasn't done as much runway work as she'd like because she doesn't always fit the sample size.

"I have to work really hard. My body — I have a voluptuous body. I am not one of those skinny girls. I like to enjoy life," she says.

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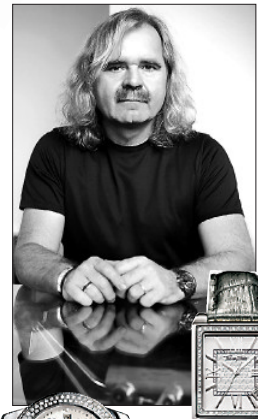
Editors' Pick

FACETIME

With a slew of German socialites, celebrities and Spanish hottie Mónica Cruz lounging around him, Thomas Sabo is clearly in his element. And why not? The Austria-born, Germany-based jewellery designer is sipping champagne at a party in Munich to celebrate the launch of his second collection of watches (called Time for Adventures). The timepieces — which range from ultra-delicate to mega-bling — are a chic addition to Sabo's successful jewellery collections ($269 to $1,498, thomassabo.com).



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Entertainment

Glee gig

TVGuide.com is reporting that John Stamos — who played a singer on Full House — will appear as a recurring character on the second season of Glee.

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Christina makes trashy return

Christina Aguilera lays down some trashy dance club hedonism on new album Bionic.

Christina **Aguilera**

Album: Bionic
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ●●●

THE "DIRRRTY" GIRL takes four years off to learn how to become a homebody wife and a nurturing mother, only to return to the recording studio to lay down trashy dance club hedonism like Sex For Breakfast, Morning Dessert, Elastic Love and a particularly flesh-filled track called Desnudate. These are fine for what they are, but isn't it time to leave the skank to young yelpers like Ke$ha? Christina's been there, done that. She's got a huge voice — as she proves here on one or two tracks here, most notably Lift Me Up. Maybe she should try putting that voice to better use.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Grace Potter and the Nocturnals

Album: The Grand Bounce
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●½

FINALLY, A FRESH voice that sings real rock 'n' roll. Forged in the patchouli pyres of the Vermont jamband scene, Grace Potter's vocal delivery is all about the kind of free-flying, eye-popping energy that set San Francisco afire in the '60s. And she's put together the perfect band to back her. No synths here, just plenty of old-style blues rock guitar to complement Potter's searing voice and keyboards. Comparisons, of course, will be made to Joplin. Not quite yet, but we're getting there.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Gord Downie and the Country Miracles

Album: The Grand Bounce
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●½

THIS IS A Gord Downie record that Tragically Hip fans will love. There's little of the mad-poet indulgences that dominated Downie's two previous efforts. This is an album full of attention-getting guitar riffs and accessible, if not-always comprehensible, lyrics. There's plenty of interesting vocal interplay with Julie Doiron throughout, and only occasionally does Downie slide into self indulgence (closing track Pinned, in particular).

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Tokyo Police **Club**

Album: Champ
Label: Dine Alone
Rating: ●●●½

IT WASN'T THAT long ago that Tokyo Police Club were the most talked about band in Toronto. Their frenetic rock not only won over the city's music establishment, but America's as well. The hype has subsided, and so has the band's boundless energy, but their talent has only matured. Like their previous record, the music is more toned down than their acclaimed EP, but unlike Elephant Shell, this isn't boring. They combine quirky keyboards with jangly blasts of guitar and mid-tempo, Ben Gibbard-ish indie rock. It's all pretty catchy — especially Bambi — and it's nice to see TPC back in their groove.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Against **Me!**

Album: White Crosses
Label: Sire/Warner
Rating: ●●●½

IN 2007 AGAINST ME! got some flack for shedding their fiery punk sound for more straight ahead rock. Fortunately, criticism didn't deter the group from staying on this new path. White Crosses starts off strong, with second track Teenage Rebellion, a Clash-meets-Springsteen like blend. While the album seems to dismiss the band's idealistic punk roots, they clearly don't care. This covers a lot of music ground, with Foo Fighters and Hold Steady influences popping up too.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

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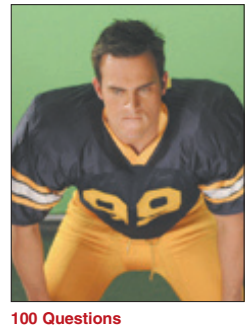
30 Rock

As the crew welcomes the new cast member, Tracy and Jenna (Tracy Morgan, Jane Krakowski) rethink how they treat Kenneth (Jack McBrayer). Jack (Alec Baldwin) offers Liz (Tina Fey) a talk show, but Jenna urges her to explore all her other options before committing. Scott Adsit and Judah Friedlander also star in "The Problem Solvers." Cheyenne Jackson guest stars. 10:30 PM on CKEM, KHQ



100 Questions

Charlotte (Sophie Winkleman) tries to attract the attention of a guy she's interested in. Mike (Christopher Moynihan) continues his attempts to scare Leslie (Smith Cho). Jill (Collette Wolfe) asks a reluctant Wayne (David Walton) to speak to her class for Career Day. Michael Benjamin Washington also stars in the new episode "Are You Romantic?" 9:30 PM on CKEM. KHQ

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Rush drummer Neil Peart is seen here in all his percussive glory.

Humour heart of Rush

Rush: Beyond The Lighted Stage

Directors: Sam Dunn, Scott McFadyen
Classification: STC
Rating:

KAREN BLISS
for Metro Canada

Forty years in the same rock band and there's not an overdose, trashed hotel room or groupie scandal to speak of?

How on earth would directors Scot McFadyen and Sam Dunn make a film about Rush interesting to those who can't recite the lyrics to 2112? Is there something here beyond a typical rock doc?

The answer, surprisingly, is yes.

The story doesn't start with the Toronto band's first album in 1974, but goes back to its members' upbringing, schooling, and motivation.

Screen times

- Rush: Beyond The Lighted Stage screens tomorrow and Saturday midnight at Garneau Theatre.

It's about three teenagers — one the son of Holocaust survivors, another of Yugoslavian immigrants — who were fiercely committed to music. All of them — singer-bassist-keyboardist Geddy Lee, guitarist Alex Lifeson and drummer Neil Peart knew what they wanted to do in life — rock out. And not in a slacker, excuse-to-avoid-adult-responsibilities way.

Through rare early footage of Rush playing high schools to "overreaching" sessions in the studio and more current live clips, one sees that Rush never wavered from this pursuit of musical excellence.

The trio's progressive hard rock and cerebral lyrics with words you'd sometimes have to look up won millions of dedicated fans.

For the film, Trent Reznor, Billy Corgan, Jack Black, Foo Fighters' Taylor Hawkins, Metallica's Kirk Hammett and others gladly spoke of their love for the band, often quoting musical and lyrical passages. Black declares the members "not even human" at one point.

But despite the seriousness of Rush's music and work ethic, the film is filled with humour.

The band members crack joke throughout, from their so-called Down The Tubes tour early in their career to their fashion choices (i.e. Lee's Asian robe phase).

It's the funny stuff that gives a glimpse into their personalities, how they have stayed together all this time, and why Beyond The Lighted Stage is not just a story about musicians.

World Cup stint dream come true for Oliver

John Oliver's job on The Daily Show is giving him an English soccer fan's dream: the chance to attend the World Cup — and perhaps more important — taunt the Americans before they take on his national team.

Oliver and producer Tim Greenberg left for South Africa earlier this week to file reports for Jon Stewart's Comedy Central show. Oliver, a soccer fanatic from Birmingham, England, left behind one earlier-filmed report, where he visited the American soccer team before their World Cup opening match with England this weekend. Oliver's report airs Thursday.

The South African visit is the show's fourth international trip in four summers. Rob Riggle went to Iraq in 2007 and to China for the 2008 Olympics, and Jason Jones went to Iran last year.

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Edmonton's recently-approved Municipal Development Plan included a major push to support urban agriculture and sustainable local food initiatives. CHRISTOPHER THRALL/FOR METRO EDMONTON

Urban Foodie

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Build a celebration

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Italian Centre Shop
10878 — 95 St.
780-424-4869
italiancentre.ca

Rating:
Signature Dish: Torpedo Panino ($7)
Signature Drink: Cappuccino ($3)

The plan: a four-course dinner to surprise my bride.

The place: the Italian Centre, of course!

I browsed through the aisles of the packed little supermarket (Who needs that many brands of imported water, let alone olive oil?!) and left with $75 worth of everything I needed.

I had about an hour to prepare before my wife returned, which was just enough time. I sliced a huge ring of pagnotta bread ($3.49) and scooped fresh, sweet bruschetta mix ($3.10) on top of each slice. I paired this with romanello-peperonato cheese, which tasted like a firm gouda with a spicy kick. Served with smooth, rounded Acqua Panna spring water ($1.69) from Florence, I had a killer first course.

Second and third courses required a bit more prep time. The locally-made beef ravioli ($4.49), topped with locally-made tomato-basil sauce ($3.49), took about ten minutes and was a complete success. The delicious frozen cannelloni ($15.49) and sweet, slender Italian sausage ($4.91) turned out less visually appealing after an hour of cooking.

Finally, we sat down in the living room for an international buffet. We sipped dark, rich medium-roast coffee from Italy ($14.98), tasted Peruvian satsumas ($0.99) and Mexican watermelon, and shared a bottle of mineral water from Slovenia ($0.98). The finest discovery of the evening, however, were the unassuming Italian biscuits called "pizzelle". Topped with French apricot-raspberry jam, these caramel-flavoured cookies were like a gift from the Olympian gods.

The dinner party went off flawlessly, the bride was surprised and the fare was a delight — thanks, Italian Centre.

On the web

- Get recipes and more great food content at metronews.ca/recipes

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The second course at the table: more bruschetta, olives and beef ravioli in tomato basil sauce.

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of Edible Calendula Flowers.

Dining out

SUSHI Speaking of favourites, despite the explosion of sushi restaurants in the past decade or so, there is still one that rises above the rest: if you're craving anything from aji to uni, Furusato is the place to go.

CUPCAKES I want to pick up cupcakes for a work party, but I am overwhelmed with choices. Flirt, Fuss and Whimsical are all within blocks of each other on Whyte Avenue or up 109th Street.

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In brief

PADMANADI Did you miss last Wednesday's final buffet at Padmanadi, our fave vegetarian spot? Don't fret, the new, improved Padmanadi opens next Saturday on 101 Street and 107 Avenue.

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What choo choo talkin' bout, Willis?
Gary Coleman's ashes will be spread around some train tracks according to the actor's ex-wife. Us Weekly reports Shannon Price told Entertainment Tonight the child actor loved trains. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

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CelebTweets

LINDSAY LOHAN doesn't like the news coverage she's getting, **NICOLE RICHIE** is showing off, and **NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** is looking forward to his birthday.

@lindsaylohan it just sucks when nothing positive about how great i'm feeling and happy i am is being reported
@nicolerichie My fake british accent is in full effect tonight!
@ActuallyNPH Hey, found out my birthday is the day after Real Housewife of NJ's Danielle Staub's sex tape is released. Um, no need to get me any gifts...

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bail for Lindsay doubles after SCRAM violation

AND WORK OFFERS DISAPPEAR Lindsay Lohan's SCRAM alcohol-monitoring bracelet got her in trouble Tuesday with a judge who doubled the actress' bail to $200,000.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel determined Lohan violated the terms of her release after a closed-door meeting with the actress' attorney and a prosecutor. Revel did not detail the violation, but said her decision was made after receiving "results" issued by a court-ordered alcohol monitor.

District Attorney's spokeswoman Shiara Davila-Morales said it was an "alcohol-related violation," but did not have further details.

A source familiar with Lohan's case told The Associated Press that the violation was reported after the Mean Girls star appeared at the MTV Movie Awards on Sunday night.

Lohan was not present in court Tuesday, but several denials of wrongdoing were posted on the actress' Twitter account shortly before and after the hastily called hearing.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heidi files for legal separation

SUPPORTED THROUGH IT ALL BY HER LOYAL MTV CAMERA CREW Heidi Montag headed to the Santa Monica courthouse to make her separation from husband Spencer Pratt official, according to TMZ. But despite the legal paperwork, some of the couple's Hills co-stars aren't buying it. "I just don't think that their (split) is real," Lo Bosworth tells Hollyscoop. Whitney Port agrees, saying, "It seems that a lot that they do is a P.R. brewing."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ladies who lunched

LIGHTLY. VERY, VERY LIGHTLY Courteney Cox is dishing on Jennifer Aniston's favorite dish, claiming her Friends co-star ate the same salad every day for 10 years. "We always had the same thing — a Cobb salad," she tells the Los Angeles Times. "But it wasn't really a Cobb salad. It was a Cobb salad that Jennifer doctored up with turkey bacon and garbanzo beans and I don't know what. She just has a way with food, which really helps. Because if you're going to eat the same salad every day for 10 years, it'd better be a good salad, right?"

METRO WORLD NEWS

Bodyguard sues Britney for sexual harassment

MY, HOW THE SEXY HAVE FALLEN A former bodyguard for Britney Spears is suing the pop singer for sexual harassment, claiming that her walking around naked in front of him made for an unpleasant work environment, according to Hollyscoop. "She was always giving him the come on and he felt if he didn't reciprocate he could lose his job. He finally handed in his notice last week," a friend of Fernando Flores, the former employee, says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Saturday, June 12th
Al Fresco
104th Street
Proceeds for E4C's School Kids Lunch Program

DECL & Sobeys Pancake Breakfast
8:30-11AM

DeVine Wines Outdoor Tasting Tent
1-9PM

Licensed Patios by Blue Plate Diner, Lit Wine Bar, Tzin Wine and Tapas
from 5PM

Patio by Credo Coffee

Portuguese BBQ by Sabor Divino
from 5PM

Fashion Show by C'est Sera and The Beauty Lounge
from 5:30PM

Carbon Yoga Demo on the grass
from 5PM

Red Star Crostini Bar
from 5pm

Leva Gelato
from 5pm

Live Sound Stage
from 5pm

DJ Junior Brown

Sobeys
MELCOR DEVELOPMENTS LTD.
96.3 Capital FM
DECL Downtown Edmonton Community League
downtown business association
metro
Presented By: deVine Wines and Spirits
play it by ear productions

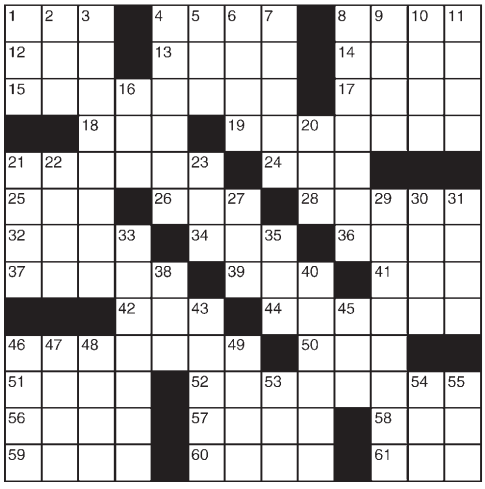
Giant Outdoor Movie Presentation
Free @ 10PM
(Bring Your Own Chair)
Chocolat
Starring Johnny Depp and Juliette Binoche
Chocolate for sale by Kerstin's Chocolates

Today Rainy 12 C / 6 C
Friday Sunny 17 C / 2 C
Saturday Sunny 22 C / 6 C

BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host – Breakfast Television
"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes." **WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.**

Take Five



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Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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1	9	6	8	5	7	2	4	3
6	5	1	4	3	2	7	9	8
3	7	9	5	8	6	4	1	2
8	4	2	7	1	9	3	6	5

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Honey Seared Salmon Sandwich with Apple Poppy Seed Slaw

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup cored and matchstick cut fennel, about 1/2 medium bulb, plus 2-tablespoons chopped fronds
1 celery stalk, thinly sliced crosswise
1/2 Granny Smith apple, cored and matchstick cut
1/4 cup sour cream
2 tbsp cider vinegar
1 tbsp plus 1 tsp honey
1 tsp poppy seeds
1 tsp lemon zest
2 tsp lemon juice
4 (5oz) salmon fillets
1 tbsp olive oil
4 slices focaccia, cut to size of salmon fillets or slices of sourdough bread

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to high and arrange rack 8 inches from broiler. Line a rimmed sheet pan with foil and set aside.
2. Combine the fennel, celery and apple in a bowl and set aside. In a small jar with a tight fitting lid, combine sour cream, cider vinegar, 1 teaspoon honey, poppy seeds, lemon zest and juice. Cover with lid and shake until well blended. Pour sour cream mixture over fennel mixture and stir to thoroughly coat.
3. Brush olive oil over salmon, season generously with salt and pepper and transfer to prepared sheet pan. Drizzle remaining 1 tablespoon honey over tops of fillets, place under broiler and cook until opaque in centre, about 5 minutes. Toast bread while salmon is cooking and transfer to plates. Place slaw on top of bread and arrange salmon on top.

SERVES 4

• *Serve this recipe with Tomato Bread Soup with Cheddar Crisps and finish with Almond Butter Cookies for a wonderful late-spring meal. Find the recipes at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.*

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You cannot keep your thoughts and feelings hidden indefinitely — at some stage you are going to have to come clean with friends and family.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
We all make mistakes so don't be so hard on yourself. By all means learn lessons from what has gone wrong but be positive about what lies ahead.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Refuse to let anyone, no matter how well intentioned, make decisions for you. Today you will see with the utmost clarity what needs to be done. So do it.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You will have to make some tough decisions today but you are not the sort to avoid something just because it's unpleasant.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
There are certain issues that get you worked up and eager to make changes and one such issue will dominate your thoughts today.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Cosmic activity on and around the midheaven angle of your chart encourages you to be more ambitious.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Focus your energies in one particular direction today. If you try to do too much you will spread yourself too thin.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Watch what you say over the next 24 hours because if you say too much it could cost you dear. Certain information has been given to you in confidence.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You need to find a new way of dealing with an old problem. You are more likely to succeed if you seek advice from people you trust.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There are some dramatic developments taking place in your world but for the most part they will leave you untouched.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
The pen is mightier than the sword. True or false? It will certainly be true today. Reach out and make contact. Broadcast your vision to the world.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Casual conversations can sometimes lead to important discoveries. All you have to do is stay alert.

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